

Can you remember the last mistake you made?

Forgetting something in your shopping order?

Not remembering the exact time of the Zoom live lesson?

Inadvertently mixing the colours in your washing machine?

Reading a word wrong?

A slight error in a calculation?

If we stop to think about it, we make lots of mistakes throughout our daily lives. This is true of your children too.

At school, we actively teach the children that they will make mistakes. We share our stories of times when we have made mistakes. We make mistakes when we are teaching them - sometimes accidentally ( a true mistake). But we also deliberately make mistakes! Because making mistakes is a part of the learning process. We teach the children that making mistakes is how we learn. We teach them that they need to make mistakes in order to learn. We teach them that making mistakes is ok. We teach them that far from being bad news; making mistakes is good news - it means we're on the way to learning something new.

In these strange times, where children are learning at home, this remains just as important. It is vital that the children make mistakes! We don't expect perfect work to be submitted to Dojo. Your children don't always produce perfect work in school and we don't expect them to at home. We certainly don't expect you to sit with them and make sure that work is perfect before you send it to us.

The children are used to making mistakes. They know it is how they learn and we're happy to see less-than-perfect work sent to us.

We need to teach our children resilience, teach them to persevere, to try, try and try again and that making mistakes simply means that we're just not quite there yet. However, just to remind you - that's our job, not yours. Remember, you didn't ask to be teachers and we don't expect you to be. Please don't feel that you have to spend all your time with your child, making sure that the work they submit is perfect. We simply don't expect it to be. Because, it's good to make mistakes.